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14 March 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with the Stennis Preparedness Investigating
Subcommittee - 12 March 1963

1. In accordance with arrangements made between Senator Stennis and the Director, the Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee met in Room S-334 in the Capitol in an attempt to avoid any publicity. As a matter of fact, through our Security watch on the door, we learned there were two newspaper reporters standing by. This information was passed to Stennis' people to advise him in the hearing which was done. Present from the Subcommittee were:

John Stennis
Stuart Symington
Henry M. Jackson
Leverett Saltonstall
Margaret Chase Smith
Barry Goldwater

Present from the staff were:

James T. Kendall
Stuart P. French
Brigadier General Samuel R. Shaw

Present from the Agency were:

John A. McCone
Arthur Lundahl
John S. Earman
John S. Warner

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There was no sweep of the room and a transcript was taken. The meeting started at approximately 2:15 p.m. and lasted until about 5:15 p.m.

2. After reading the conclusions of the investigation of the Intelligence Community, the Director, with Mr. Lundahl's assistance, moved into an explanation with graphics of the flights during the period 29 August through 14 October.

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4. There was considerable discussion at several points off the record concerning the desirability of issuing a public statement. Goldwater initially and then others were high in their praise of Mr. McCone personally and the work of the Agency and wanted this stated. Symington commented that while he was a close friend of the Director for many years, he did not think it appropriate to commend one person and thus being subject to the charge that they were impliedly criticizing other people. The words of praise for the Agency and the Intelligence Community included magnificent and outstanding. Senator Smith also

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raised the point later that any commendation of individuals should be left out of any public statement on the grounds that it should not seem defensive. There was complete unanimity by the members present that intelligence had done an excellent job and that there should be some public statement on the findings of the Subcommittee and issued on an unanimous basis. At the conclusion of the hearing, Senator Stennis asked the Director for his views on a public statement and the Director said he would like to think it over. Stennis indicated he wanted to be careful on a release and in any event wished the Agency to review it for security before release. He agreed that the staff and Agency representatives would work this out.

5. Mr. McCone also raised the question of the handling of the transcript saying he would like to go on the previous arrangement of only two copies which would be held by the Agency and available at any time to the Subcommittee. Stennis stated that he would like to keep one in the Subcommittee files pointing out they had been furnished a safe by CIA many years ago. The Director stated that any reasonable arrangement could be worked out between Kendall and Warner. (Previously, as a result of a request from Kendall, I had asked the Director about availability of the transcript to DOD and the DCI had stated he wanted to stand by original arrangements.)

6. Action items include the following:

a. Page 543. Goldwater on action of the missile which shot down the U-2 over Cuba.

b. Page 576. Smith - Use of Cubans connected with Batista regime.

c. Page 584. Smith - Soviet submarines during the crisis.

d. Page 604. Symington - U. S. aid to any country that shipped oil to Cuba.

e. Page 612. Thurmond's question # 4.

f. Page 618. Thurmond's question # 13.

g. Page 626. Kendall question Soviet order of battle - 22 October, 30 October and today.

h. Page 627. Kendall question on epidemic.

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j. Page 587. Senator Smith said at a future date she would like to interrogate Mr. McCone at length on certain aspects of CIA. After the hearing, it was suggested to Mr. McCone that it might be a good time to follow up on Senator Smith's suggestion and he indicated that he had spoken to her about this and indicated to me that he planned to do this in several weeks.

7. In an aside, Senator Goldwater exhibited the one-page item on the Bay of Pigs appearing in the current U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT stating the item about American frogmen was new to him and would I check it for him. I said I would look into it. 25X1

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